



THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE TRADITIONAL ARTS

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Dear National Heritage Fellow,

Greetings to you! Enclosed you'll find your tickets to Washington, DC and a check for per diem that will help cover meals not supplied by us over the course of the week. Please look the tickets over carefully and call me immediately if you see any problems. I am sending you the itinerary for the week. Some of these times reflect actual starting times of events, and others are departure times from the hotel. We will be more specific about departure times from the hotel when you arrive and our staff will be on hand to answer any questions about the schedule.

You will be met at the airport by one of our staff people at baggage claim who will be holding a sign indicating they are with the National Heritage Fellowships. From there you will go to the Carlyle Suites where you can check in and relax until our orientation session Monday evening. I will be staying at the Carlyle Suites all week and will be available to answer any questions you may have about your stay in Washington.

Monday, Sept. 22

- Arrive Washington, DC. & check in at:

CARLYLE SUITES

1731 New Hampshire Ave, NW

Washington, DC 20009

202-234-3200 or 800-964-5377

7:30pm - 10:00pm -

Orientation/Reception at the **Women's National Democratic Club, 1526 New Hampshire Avenue, NW**. This is an opportunity for Fellows and their families to meet each other. Light food and drinks will be served and a short meeting will follow. **Dress:** Dress any way you like for this so please wear clothes you feel comfortable in.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

2:30pm - 3:30pm -

Awards presentation ceremony at the White House.

Dress: Most people will want to dress up a little, with women in dresses and men in suits. If you have traditional dress that you would be more comfortable in, please feel free to wear that as well. If, however, you are not a suit wearer, don't feel you have to wear one here. We want you to be comfortable, so please wear what feels best to you.

7:00pm - 10:00pm -

Dinner Banquet for awardees at the **State Department Diplomatic Rooms - the Benjamin Franklin Room 2201 C Street, NW**

Dress: If you like to dress up, this is the place to do it. Again, don't feel obliged to wear a suit if you don't feel comfortable.

Everyone will need to bring a photo ID to the dinner (either a driver's license or passport).

Wednesday, Sept. 24

- 11:00am - All crafts artists depart for Lisner
- 11:30am - Gladys Clark walks through set up for demonstration.
- 11:45am - Crafts artists view slides and set
- 11:45am - Performing artists (Fellows only) depart for Lisner
- 12:15pm - All Fellows rehearse opening/closing of program
- 1:00pm - lunch break (for Fellows and staff only)
- 2:00pm - "McCollough Sons of Thunder"- Edward Babb sound check
- 2:45pm - Phong Nguyen sound check
- 3:30pm - Jim & Jesse McReynolds sound check
- 4:15pm - Charles Brown sound check
- 5:00pm - Hua Wenyi sound check
- 5:45pm - Ali Akbar Khan sound check

Thursday, Sept. 25

Morning/afternoon rehearsal schedule to be determined. . .

- 3:30 pm - **Awardees and all persons performing in the evening show** will depart hotel for Lisner Auditorium. Please take everything with you that you will need for the evening; you will not return to the hotel until after the performance.
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm - Rehearse opening and closing of the program.
- 5:00 - 6:15 pm - Dinner will be served backstage for awardees. Family and friends are on their own for dinner.
- 7:30 pm - Concert hosted by Nick Spitzer begins . A pizza party will be held after the show (approx.10:00 pm) at Lisner.

Friday, Sept. 26 - Some will depart hotel for airport
Those staying until Sunday have the day free.

Saturday, Sept. 27 - Some will depart hotel for airport
Those staying until Sunday have the day free

Sunday, Sept. 28 - Remaining Fellows and family will depart for airport

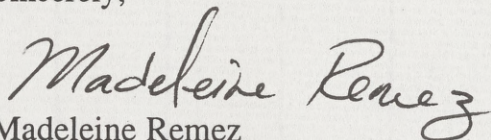
** Please remember to send the names of your guests, their social security numbers, and birthdates for the banquet at the State Department on Thursday. Again, everyone will need to bring a photo ID to the dinner (either a driver's license or passport).

**Just a reminder: The public performance will be held at Lisner Auditorium on the campus of George Washington University, Friday night and will be hosted by folklorist and public radio commentator Nick Spitzer. Fellows who are musicians will perform for 10 minutes. Craftspeople will be on stage for about 10 minutes as well and we ask that, if possible, you bring a piece of your work on stage with you. Many of you have expressed concern about this, but please don't worry too much. Ten minutes goes by VERY fast! We will have plenty of time for rehearsals, and you will be familiar with all the questions that you will be asked. During this time, slides of your work will be shown on a large screen above the stage.

**Again, please feel free to wear your traditional dress for the public performance on Friday if that suits you. The evening will be filmed for video (each of you will receive a copy of this) and it is important that you do not wear either all white or all black on stage. Feel free to call if you have any questions about what you are planning to wear for the public performance.

Please don't hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you next week!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Madeleine Remez". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'M' and a stylized 'R'.

Madeleine Remez
Program Coordinator for the
National Council for the Traditional Arts